

10/23/ 70

Dear Jim,

Delighted to get your letter of the 20th. I've skimmed the enclosures and will now respond, while reading the letter for the first time, which may make for some confusion. It is to save time so that I may respond in more detail with the time I have.

If Butler's magazine hasn't folded, I would like whatever you can get. I have Vol 1, #2 and Vol. 2, #1. I also have a record of "Oswald Speaks" but no record player. I do not have a tape of it. I have the tape WDSU used (radio) and I have a dub of the remaining WDSU footage, with the stipulation that I give it to no one and make no public use of it. They did cooperate with me. WWL let me see theirs. And I've seen the Secret Service copy. It appears identical with mine.

For your understanding and help in collecting this info, Butler was the first to commercialize the JFK assassination. INCA was broke and crumbling at that moment. He then conned and fleeced conservative, who do not regard him as what he is, both unprincipled and an extremist.

What remains of the TV footage does not show this second LHO assistant. I doubt Butler has any other film. His descriptions are shills, and the "pre-assassination" film can be nothing else, unless he got some of the amateur footage, which I doubt. I've got one (after the FBI cut out what they wanted nobody to see). If it costs anything to get this film, I recommend against spending your limited funds that way.

I feel pretty much the same way about Bringuier. He is incapable of making contact with political reality and your students will not be in a position to know when he is making it up, giving things his special twist (which is really fascist), or when he lies and distorts, and he does both. I fear the end product is that they'd get no more than extremist indoctrination and that it is unlikely he'd tell you anything of worth before an audience. I think your chances are much better if you let this wait until you can get to N.O. and then tell him you'd like to interview him privately because he has all this great first-hand knowledge and understanding, etc. If that has to wait a little while, it might be better, for the more time passes the less clear will be his recall of the lies he has already told and he may let the truth come out in some areas.

Ronnie Caire: the Justice Department tells me they have no single FBI report of any interview with him! Maybe he'd like to know that. So, because I simply do not believe it, I've made formal application, accompanied with the fee, etc., in a manner that makes it possible for me to sue for them. Whatever I get, I'll send you and him. If I get anything at all. The official problem is that they withheld all of this from the WC., so they have to pretend there is nothing. I think the reasons had nothing to do with Ronnie.

I do have the sources you sight on the third man and I credit none of them for different reasons I won't take time for. I do not believe Garrison ever learned who this second man was and, when I interviewed the first in his presence, about 10/21/68, I assure you he didn't know then. I taped this interview while the man was looking at the WDSU film.

I believe Bringuier also told the FBI or the Commission there were two agents who came to see Oswald. I think this is in his testimony and it is provable. I think they are hiding the identity of the second for a special reason.

While I hate to discourage any approach, I do want you and your attorney to have an understanding of the enormity of any attempt to get anything from Justice, especially when they are as up tight as they are on this subject, particularly with what I have done and am now doing to them. I've won the first suit, filed two more, and they know I've laid the foundation for others. Your not going to get anything from Justice that in any way shows they had any connection with LHO, believe me. When we are together again and I can tell you what I've learned already, you'll understand this better.

Do not work with Penn on this or try to interest Jim's office, for the attitude there has changed. Penn has gone a bit off his rocker and had best be left alone until he can reorient himself. He regards almost everyone as an agent today. Jim has had serious complications (infections) following his back surgery. Thanks much and best regards,